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The Liberty of the Press consists in the right to publish the Truth, with good motives and for justifiable ends. —Alexander Hamilton.

Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

"Good news"; said the mad gardner to his patient wife, "the first primrose is out on January 10. Please make a note in your 1940 diary." The helpmeet summons up a little enthusiasm, but displays skepticism and has to be shown. Each new blossom thus is hailed as a bit of news, old mother earth communicating the secret aspirations of lowly herbs to lofty humans.

It is garden time again. Spring, as Mr. Roosevelt used to say about prosperity, is just around the corner, or that first primrose would not have made its bow yesterday. The Japanese quince buds are swelling with importance and will burst, not into speech, thank God, but into beauty. The language of flowers, despite those sickly sentimental interpretations that were in vogue among lovers of 1890, is a silent language. They have their say, none the less, and those are dumb indeed who cannot hear their message with the spiritual ear.

The gardner, as implied, to succeed, must be a little daffy. He collects blooms and perfumes, as others do stamps, coins, or wampum. But he does not seek to preserve his specimens. Rather he makes mental categories and sets much store by this or that color and this or that fragrance. In old age he has accumulated a huge memory herbarium of flowers which on occasion he reviews. He is likely to do this, sad to state, when he is being bored to death by people intensely interested in themselves. He escapes only momentarily for presently he suffers humiliation when he gives the wrong answer. When a bellicose friend asks him in militant tone if taxes are not high enough, he answers, "No." Really he was having one of these inward arguments, whether or not to plant composite florabunda in May and audibly decided: "No." It was an unfortunate coincidence.

But if the gardner is occasionally punished for preoccupation, on the other there are various compensations, small but precious, whether his friends and neighbors live by the standards he sets for himself, no longer irks him, or even interests him. Relatives who fail, as it seems to him, to reach that state of virtue which the tribal code prescribes, arouse very momentary indignation. For the truth is that in grappling with the problems that confront him in his garden, human peccadillos have dropped into secondary place, if not insignificance. Slugs that seem to absorb delicate foliage and half opened petals through their pores while they take their slimy destructive course over the flower beds, are much more important than whether the daughter in law keeps his grandson's nose clean or not. Grass hoppers, leaf hoppers, various wilts and blights, frost or blistering sun — only these can arouse his deep and vengeful wrath.

The garden then becomes the katarsis for all those violent emotions that human failing and frailty usually arouse. So far as his relations with other humans is concerned, he has attained a height where serenity dwells in the sun, and wars, pestilence, politics and taxes, cannot reach him. To find a plant that will creep blooming up a hard, gray rock, becomes more important than to damn his silly fellows who pursue vain phantoms.

Looking abroad he learns that the earth labors and in sun or rain produces a myriad blossoms, some of them more beguiling and far more innocent than a Spanish dancer; and often just as beautiful as Carmen or her song. Even the desert has its brief season of gorgeous color and iridescence. In the deep shade of the redwoods blooms a perfect, small, red lily. In the crannies of granite crags sturdy little alpine flowers expand defiantly, gayly.

There is hardly a spot that nature does not plant a flower specially adapted to the soil, or lack of it, to the moisture, or lack of it, and to the heat of days and summer, or the bitter cold of night and winter. The gardner concludes viewing the world of men who spend so much time in argument or fighting, that in the long run the human race will probably attain the same adaptability that the "lower" animals, the trees and the flowers have already attained.

CHAMBER FIGHT FOR SAFE ROAD IS SUCCESSFUL

Charles W. Whitmore, engineer of district 3 of the Division of Highways, last Tuesday made an inspection trip over the Nevada City-Downieville highway. The trip was for the purpose of determining where the $90,000 recently allotted by the state for the improvements of the road will be spent.

Upon their return they did not reveal where the work will be done, but it is the understanding of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce that the improvements will be made between Nevada City and the Sierra county line.

The allocation, recently announced, was the result of a long and vigorous fight by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce under the leadership of President E. B. Gallagher and Secretary H. F. Sofge. A delegation of chamber members represented the city at a hearing of the highway commission in Sacramento. Shortly afterward commission members Iener Nielsen and Amerigo Bozzanni made an inspection trip of the highway at the request of the chamber.

Their findings prompted Mr. Nielsen, at the subsequent meeting of the commission, to move that the sum of $90,000 be allocated for the purpose of straightening out some of the bad curves in order to increase the safety factor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bozzanni. The motion was passed and the engineers were sent to make a preliminary survey.

A delegation of Nevada City civic leaders is expected to be present at the next meeting of the highway commission to give that body recommendations as to the specific parts of the road to be improved.

EX-MAIL ROBBER ONCE LIVED IN NEVADA COUNTY

Roy Gardner, notorious mail robber and escape artist who killed himself with poison gas in San Francisco Wednesday night, was once a friendly and popular resident of Nevada county, it was revealed by former friends of the quiet, mild mannered ex-convict

Shortly after his release from the prison in 1938 he purchased the Costa ranch on the Downieville highway in Indian Flat. Many strange tales arose from his actions at his home. Neighbors reported that they saw Gardner digging in various places on his property, which started the rumor that the enormous loot from his mail robberies was buried there. Although Gardner had no known source of income, he was never short of money during his short residence here.

Shortly over a year ago an oil lamp upset and burned the dwelling to the ground. Gardner lost all his possessions, and a short time later he left this vicinity.

P. T. A. WILL MEET TODAY

Members of the High School P. T. A. will hold their regular meeting at three o'clock today at the high school. Mrs. George Legg will give a talk on current books and Ralph Smith will contribute several musical selections. A good attendance is desired.

MAN, 62, LEARNS TO FLY

George Miller, 62 years of age and native of Nevada City, who resides on Gold Flat will on Friday January 12 go to Marysville to get his license as an airplane pilot.

He started taking lessons in flying on the Nevada City airport under the instruction of J. DeNeal of the DeNeal flying service this summer and it was not long until he was flying solo. Visitors at the airport were astonished to see this gray haired man with his cigar continually in his mouth taking lessons. Mr. Miller stated he had always taken an interest in aviation and as soon as his children were all grown he started taking lessons.

Mrs. Hattie Legg, one of Nevada City's oldest and most highly esteemed pioneers who suffered a broken leg several weeks ago, is making a good recovery. It is reported the cast was removed from her leg this week.

AAA WOULD OUTLAW IRRESPONSIBLE DRIVERS

The American Automobile Association will start a drive early this year to legally force all financially irresponsible drivers off the roads of the United States and Canada. The AAA hopes to make it impossible for any driver who has been involved in an accident to operate an automobile again until he furnishes proof he can pay for any future damage.

Under the model law the association will sponsor in all state and province legislatures, drivers' licenses would be taken from any person convicted of a major motor vehicle law violation until proof is furnished of ability to pay for any damage caused by future violations. The law further provides for the suspension of the license of any driver who has a judgment against him for damages arising from an automobile accident until the matter is settled, and for an interchange of information between states and Canadian provinces to bar all "outlaw" drivers from the highway.

JUNIOR COLLEGE WILL REGISTER JANUARY 22, 23

Placer Junior College of Auburn will register students for the second semester January 22 and 23 at Auburn, according to announcement by Dean Wyman E. Olson.

Class instruction in both the college preparatory and vocational courses will commence January 24. New students will be accepted in the college preparatory department and in vocational courses in agriculture, mining, and radio and electricity.

Dean Olson announces he will be glad to interview prospective students at any time during the week ending January 19.

Several junior college students will complete their work for the degree, Associate in Arts, at the end of the present semester, but no formal commencement exercises will be held until the end of the second semester when degeers will be conferred on a class of about 75 students.

BUSINESS MAN HAS FAITH IN COMMUNITY

Harry E. Bolton, local business man who views the outlook for Nevada City as a city with a good future, has taken a lease on the Morgan and Powell building, at the corner of Pine and Broad streets. A thorough job of renovating, remodeling, streamlining and painting in the most up to date method is progressing nicely. There will be all new shelving and show cases and when the interior is completed it will be one of the most modern of the 5 and 10 cent variety stores in the northern part of the state.

Mr. Bolton stated yesterday he plans later on to put in a mezzanine floor and the huge basement will be reconditioned to give more display space for stock. New lines of stock will also be added as space permits. Carpenters, electricians and painters will complete their work in a few weeks and it is expected the store will open in the new location early in the spring.

SERVICES FOR MRS. BESSLER WILL BE SAT.

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Washington Bessler, native and lifelong resident of Downieville who died Wednesday afternoon at her home in Downieville, will be held tomorrow morning at 1 o'clock with a mass by Rev. Father O'Reilly of the Catholic church in Nevada City.

Mrs. Bessler was born February 22, 1892. Her death culminated an illness of about three months.

Surviving are her husband, Leo Bessler; sisters, Mrs. Mary Watson of Downieville and Mrs. Carrie Merroux of Oakland and uncle, Fred Busch of Downieville. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Busch the former at one time sheriff of the county.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Holmes Funeral Home of Nevada City.

G. E. MITCHELL PROMOTED TO F. S. ENGINEER

Gerald E. Mitchell has been appointed to the position of forest engineer on the Tahoe national forest according to Forest Supervisor DeWitt Nelson at Nevada City. Mitchell has been serving as acting engineer since the transfer of former forest engineer, W. P. Lee to the Shasta national forest. Mitchell will have charge of all engineering.

According to Nelson, Mitchell first entered the employ of the forest service as truck trail foreman on the Sierra forest at North Fork, California. He was transferred to Santa Barbara in 1933, and transferred to the Stanislaus as chief truck trail locater in 1934, coming to the Tahoe forest in February 1934 as assistant forest engineer.

ATTENDS SISTER MARY AGNES ANNIVERSARY

Father P. J. O'Reilly, of St. Canice Catholic Church in Nevada City, was one of the thirty priets of Northern California who attended the Diamond Jubilee of the religious profession of Sister Mary Agnes, of the Sisters of Mercy, Mount St. Mary's academy in Grass Valley, Monday. Many other prominent persons from Nevada City were also present to congratulate Sister Mary Agnes Ryan on the completion of sixty years service, most of which time was spent in St. Marys orphanage in Grass Valley before the transfer to Sacramento. She is more than 80 years of age.

WOMEN JOINING NCTC STUDY OF FAMILY TAXES

Mrs. Everett Robinson, of Nevada City, today was named chairman of a National Consumers Tax Commission unit to be formed among women here for the study of taxes which "undermine living standards." Announcement of the appointment was made by Mrs. Dorothy M. Arnold of La Canada, NCTC state director.

The Nevada City unit is the 70th to become active throughout the state, the announcement said. The movement in California is led by Mrs. Arnold and Mrs. James E. Wales of Berkeley, national committee member.

"NCTC groups in 5,000 cities and towns in 45 states are conducting unbiased, non-partisan studies of taxes that sap the buying power of household budgets," Mrs. Arnold stated. "To make practical application of their studies, many of our groups are carrying on public-spirited programs designed to promote increased efficiency in their own municipal governments as a means of cutting taxes."

Citing municipal economy as a "primary goal" of the commission in 1940, Mrs. Arnold declared that only through tax knowledge "can we fully exercise our rights as citizens to combat the ever increasing inroads of taxes on the family buying power."

The tax movement is led nationally by Mrs. Melville Mucklestone, of Chicago, a former national president of the American Legion auxiliary.

IDAHO-MARYLAND TUNNEL

A tunnel between the Idaho-Maryland mine and the New Brunswick mine was holed through recently and a huge iron door installed midway in it this week. The tunnel is a safety feature. Heavy currents of air were noted passing from one tunnel to the other and the door will prevent this. The tunnel was driven on the 2,000 foot level in the Idaho-Maryland mine and came out on the 2,300 foot level in the New Brunswick.

CHMA TO MEET SATURDAY

The California Hydraulic Mining Association will hold a meeting in Bret Harte Inn in Grass Valley Saturday afternoon. As there is a lot of business to come up in the session a full attendance of members is urged.

Thomas Bigelow mining man of Columbia Hill was a business visitor in Nevada City yesterday.

NEVADA CITY ANTLERS HOSTS MONDAY NIGHT

Nevada City Lodge of Antlers will be hosts to Chico Lodge, and Elks from that city, Grass Valley and Nevada City Monday night.

Officers of the Antlers lodge who have been drilling on the ritualistic work every night for more than a week will initiate a class into membership.

Todd Bonner, past exalted Antler is in charge of the social session committee which will go into action immediately after the lodge session.

RELIEF MUDDLE IS RELATED BY TAX DELINQUENT

By CLEM WHITAKER

An agent of the Internal Revenue Bureau, assigned to the job of rounding up illusive income tax evaders, told the writer a story several evenings ago which seems to warrant repeating—if for no other reason, just as a significant bit of current history.

Said the government investigator: "A big, burly chap was brought into my office who, we had reason to know, as a single man, with no dependents, had a taxable income. When one of our agents caught up with him, he had simply blustered and refused to pay. The government, he said, couldn't tax him. And so he was brought in.

"In answer to my opening question, inquiring as to his occupation, he said that he was a foreman on a relief project—a fact which we had already determined. His salary, he said, somewhat proudly, was $1600 per year.

"I asked him: 'Why haven't you paid your tax; you know, of course, that any single man, earning more than $1000 a year, is taxable? But his answer almost floored me. He said: "I am on relief; the government gives me this money, why should I give part of it back to the government?"

And that, said the government income tax investigator, seemed an almost irrefutable argument. Why indeed, should the government grant a person relief and then tax the dole it had given him? But most of all, why should it pay him so much that he was subject to the income tax? That seemed to be laying it on a bit thick, even for the most generous state, in the most generous nation, in the whole cock eyed world.

That simple story, to this writer, points the picture which confronts the state legislature, when it meets in special session on January 29, much more eloquently than all the deficit figures and financial tabulations that all the state's fiscal agents can submit to the harried lawmakers.

Relief costs have doubled and trebled, even as business conditions have improved. Yet the average taxpayer, who foots the relief bill, does not begin to earn as much as the belligerent relief recipient (described by the income tax investigator) who was given $1600 for being one of the so-called needy and unfortunate.

Relief, in California," said the income tax man, "is a farce—but a farce without comedy. When we start collecting income taxes from reliefers, it ceases to be funny. It's a tragic travesty."

So don't be surprised if the forthcoming special session of the legislature turns out to be a modern day counterpart of the Boston Tea Party. If relief has become a racket, as many of the lawmakers believe, it's a racket soon to be ended!

DRUNK DRIVING CHARGE

Two men, G. C. Goggan and Johnson, were arrested by Chief of Police Garfield Robson and highway patrolman Lorris Richards late last evening and lodged in the city jail. The men were allegedly too drunk to drive their car from its parking place in front of the New York hotel on Broad street.

The Yuba River at the Narrows Dam is a raging torrent and with continued rain has risen a foot higher early yesterday forenoon and was still rising. No damage had been done to the cement poured for the foundation of the dam. The loss from delay on work will be considerable. There are 250 men on the payroll, many of them from Nevada City.

L. SMITH TELLS ROTARY ABOUT WINTER SPORTS

Leland S. Smith, associate supervisor of the Tahoe national forest, yesterday told the Nevada City Rotary club of the tremendous impetus given to skiing by the forest service. Smith informed the members that use of national forest area by winter sports enthusiasts has more than doubled in the last six years.

Also included on the program were three reels of motion pictures, two of which were loaned by Jack Conway of Grass Valley. They showed many beautiful scenes of winter sports in Yosemite and various parts of California and the United States.

Mr. Smith is in charge of recreational activities of the forest end is an accomplished skiier.

POLICE ARREST 3RD SUSPECT IN MINE ROBBERY

L. V. Brown was taken into custody in Grass Valley yesterday by officers for assertedly being a third party in the sale of equipment from the Sunrise mine in the Indian Hills district south of Grass Valley recently. Avery Lyndon, Sacramento truck driver and Walter Woods, were apprehended in Roseville earlier in the week on the same alleged offense. On the truck at time of the arrest was a boiler or air conditioner which had been sold to the Pacific Machine Shops in Sacramento. On the previous day the same company had bought the double drum hoist for $57. It is asserted Brown gave a bill of sale for the air conditioner for $12.50 to the truck man.

The arrests were made through the California highway patrol on information furnished by Capt. J. E. Blake of this district over radio station KAPI short wave broadcast. All three men are held in the county jail. Avery is held with bail fixed at $2,000 which he was unable to furnish.

RAINFALL TOTAL FOR VICINITY IS TWENTY INCHES

Up to time of going to press it is estimated Nevada City had received about 20 inches of rain for the season. Rain has fallen every day so far in the new year. Mrs. Preston's rain gauge gives the following amounts since the last issue of the paper, Tuesday 2.09 inches; Wednesday .21 and 1.14 inches up until 7:30 yesterday morning, or a total of 3.45 to add to the 16.04 on Monday.

The Tahoe national forest reports rain for the 24 hour period up to 7:30 yesterday morning: North Bloomfield 1.20 inches; Downieville 1.73. Downieville now has close to 30 inches of rain for the season, 15 inches of this rain coming this week. Forest Hill, approximately 15 inches for the season and a little above the average to date.

The snow line is just above Sierra City and there is a snow pack of 12 inches at Bassetts and 36 inches on Yuba Pass.

From the local state division of highways it was learned that there is a six foot snow pack on Donner and Echo summits. There is no snow on the Tahoe Ukiah highway east of Nevada City and warm rains yesterday were coming down heavily at high elevations. Indications are that the new storm along the coast is lessening in intensity and this section may not have the heavy storm promised earlier.

Charles Ninnis, who was on the local police force for several months until illness compelled him to lay off, was down in the business district of Nevada City yesterday. He was in Jones Memorial hospital for several weeks and is much improved in health, in fact has gained 20 pounds in weight.

Sheriff Dewey Johnson and highway patrolman Andrew Ponta of Downieville, Sierra county, were business visitors in Nevada City yesterday.

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A Problem Pressing For Solution

There is frequent mention of the National Labor Reations Act in the newspapers these days. Most of this news has been the kind of smoke that really indicates the presence of a fire.

Not the least important item of this type was the recent decision handed down by the United States Supreme Court to the effect that Federal courts have no power to pass on the rightness or wrongness of Wagner Board certifications of labor unions. The case in question was brought to the court by one national labor unoin which felt that a Wagner Board decision had been too sweeping and had disregarded minority rights.

The problem of the Wagner Act has cried out for solution for a number of years now. So far, the act's defenders have done a skillful job of thwarting the desire of the public and of all groups in the country to have it amended. But the knowledge that the wide powers of the Board cannot in many instances be checked by the courts ought to make the need for amendment to limit that power seem even more urgent to those most concerned.

Coupled with this recent news event come continued revelations made during the congressional investigation of the Board itself that tend to show that the body with these extremely broad powers does not always employ them wisely.

Those revelatoins—of bickering among Board members, of bias evidenced by Board representatives, of wide powers assumed or ursurped by the Board—point, of course, partly to an unsound attitude on the part of the Wagner Board itself. But far more significantly they throw the spotlight on the flaws, omissions and loose constructions of the act itself which make this situation possible.

Congress, with the international situation growing hourly and daily more tense. must be wise enough to do everything in its power to help get our domestic affairs shipshape. In the field of employee-employer relations, so important both to recovery and national defense. Congress can best serve this end by amending the Wagner Act along lines that will mean a fair deal for management as well as labor. This action would mark a substantial contribution to real employer-employee harmony.

That congress will follow this line is a consummation devoutely to be wished by all real friends of labor, of industry, of the consuming public, and of congress itself.

The "Catalyzers" of America

Everything has a cause, science tells us. And the more important the result, the more important it is to find out what caused it.

Because the results achieved in this country, both from a material and a social point of view, are so vitally important to all of us who live in America, we may well ponder some recent remarks by H. W. Prentis, Jr., newly-elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers and president of Armstrong Cork Company.

The dictionary defines the word "catalyzer" as follows: "A chemical body which, by its presence, is capable of inducing chemical changes in other bodies while remaining unchanged itself."

Mr. Prentis took this chemical term and applied it more broadly to show that there are certain "catalyzers" in America and other lands where freedom prevails that are necessary to progress and that do not exist in other less fortunate countries.

Here are the five "catalyzers" he listed:

1. The value that is given to human personality.
2. The responsibility which willingly has been assumed by individuals.
3. The opportunity that has been allowed for the initiative of individuals to help others as well as the source of the initiative.
4. A republican form of government.
5. Private free enterprise.

Whether one chooses to call these basic institutions of our American way of life and thought "catalyzers" or by some other name, all will agree that is all-important to see that these five principles be maintained and encouraged. Only thus can the future history of America travel fitly in the company of its brilliant social and economic past.

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Carl T. Larsen and Mrs. Larsen's sister, Mrs. Edna Miller, returned Tuesday evening from a two weeks vacation in Southern California. They visited Larsen's brother and sister, Chester Larsen and Mrs. Roy Walsh and families. They had about ten days of beautiful weather and found it quite warm. Heavy rains started just before they left for home.

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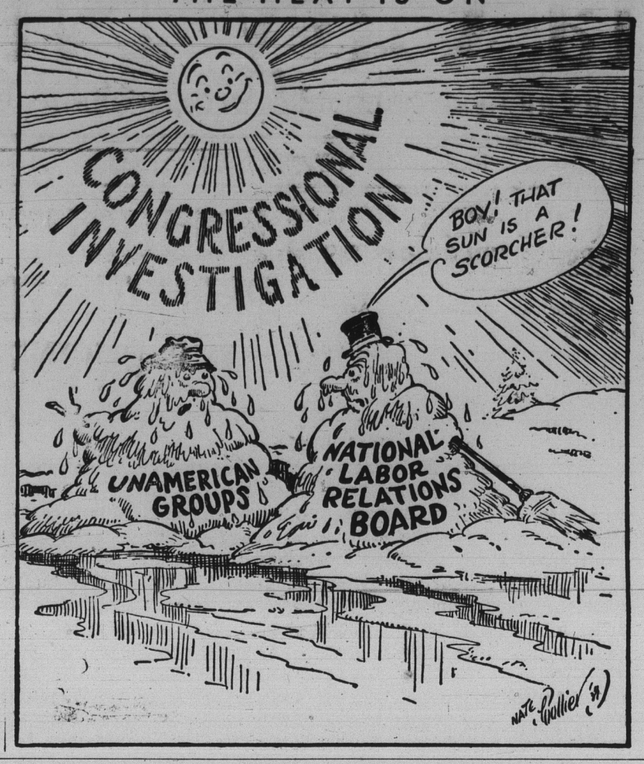

Just Wonderin'

I wonder if the golden chain of hope,
Forged in the hearts and minds of men,
Will lengthen to encompass all the earth
Before the happy Yule-tide comes again;
And will its precious links unbreakable
Bind those of every nation, race and creed,
Who turn away from outworn hate and strife
To tend the beacon light of common need?

I wonder if an organized campaign for world peace can be made to encircle the globe and enlist the ardent support of all right minded people, irrespective of border, breed and birth.

The leader of a great nation and the head of a great religious order have clasped hands across the sea, in the hope that by co-operative service they may begin the task of freeing mankind from the incubus of war and bringing peace to a troubled world.

That this will be one of the most stupendous tasks undertaken since history began, cannot be denied; but who knows? With wide and tolerant interpretation, intelligent and able leadership, it may be accomplished.

For the cause of world peace, recruits must be drawn from every habitable portion of the earth, from every tribe and nation, every cult and creed. The call will be heard by the followers of Buddah, Confucius, Mohammet and the great god, Krishna; by saints and sinners, pagans and true believers; by those who speak of the First Great Cause, as "evolution," and by agnostics, who say, "we do not know," but still have faith to believe that Robert Ingersol's beautiful vision of, "a world at peace" may some time become reality.

Yes, time worn barriers must be swept away, differences forgotten as the war weary sons of men gather together under one shining banner. to restore order to a chaotic world and inaugurate an era of harmony, understanding and good will among men. A dream whose fulfillment lies hidden in the far, dim mists of coming years? That may be true; but those in whose hearts the magic of yule-tide lingers, know that dreams do come true and that with vision, courage and the will to do, miracles are performed—when hope leads the way.

I wonder if there were any Californians who failed to shout, "Hurrah!" when informed that San Francisco had scored another victory and would be enabled to reopen the fair on Treasure Island, May next, 1940. It will be indeed a gala day when the great gates swing wide once again—and now a bit of wishful thinking; wouldn't it be simply perfect if by some fortunate chance, the port could be open upon the same eventful day?

Uncle Silas says: "Now that a certain well known character has been declared ineligible for deportation, I hope some one will give us the exact definition of "affiliation." One can't use the word now without taking the chance of being considered subtile."

—A. MERRIAM CONNER.

CONGRESS GROUP DISAGREES WITH ARMY'S EXPERTS

Though little opposition is expected in Congress to President Roosevelt's proposed national defense bill calling for an appropriation of more than two billion dollars, a fight may develop over how this money will be spent, if early indications mean anything. A joint Senate-House committee, after a 15,000-mile tour of defense units in this country and the Panama Canal Zone, is said to disagree with War Department experts on what things are necessary for the adequate national defense.

Committee members recommend a step up of production in the new semi-automatic rifle, modernization of field artillery, expansion of airports and troop training areas, and a greater protection of cities from possible air attacks. The last point is the greatest bone of contention between the congressmen and war department experts, the latter pointing out that it takes 900 stationary anti-aircraft guns to protect London, and the cost of protecting even a small number of American cities in this way would be prohibitive. The army men contend that the money should be spent on mobile anti-aircraft defense units that can be quickly moved to any point threatened by attack.

Public hearings on the proposed $1,300,000,00 expansion of the navy are tentatively scheduled for January 8. The program calls for 95 new warships, 31 auxiliary vessels, and 2,395 new airplanes. It is possible that Republican members of the committee will urge a separate Atlantic fleet and the construction of superbattleships up to 80,000 tons, more than twice as large as the present 35,000 ton vessels that are the largest in our navy.

The appropriation of $1,800,000,000 for national defense purposes made by congress last year was the largest in our history for peace time. The new appropriation will probably be from $300,000,000 to $500,000,000 higher, despite the fact that authoritative sources report President Roosevelt has cut about $700,000,000 from both army and navy budget estimates.

Quartz and Placer claim location notice blanks at the Nugget Office.

TWO CONCERTS SCHEDULED FOR WINTER SEASON

Reservations are being made now at the Music Shoppe in Sacramento, for two major concerts of the 1939-40 series season, scheduled for January and February. They will be Bartlett and Robertson, duo-pianists, January 16, and Nelson Eddy, baritone of concert, screen, and radio fame, February 10. Both will be in Memorial auditorium.

Eddy's concert follows his just-released motion picture "Balelika" and will feature several songs from the picture. The handsome bariton's appearance on the stage of Memorial auditorium comes after five years' absence. He was on the original Sacramento Music Series in 1935 and since then has been heard and applauded by opera goers, concert fans, movie and radio fans throughout the world.

Eddy was born in Providence, Rhode Island, June 29. Both his father and mother were excellent singers, and young Nelson made his vocal debut early, as boy soprano for Grace and All Saints churches in Providence. He was educated in the grammar school at Rhode Island and the remainder of his education was obtained in night school and from correspondence courses.

His first job was as a telephone operator in Mot Iron Works. Later he started in the art department of the Philadelphia Press. For five years he was reporter, copy reader, later writing advertising copy. He learned operatic arias from the phonograph. His first teacher was David Bispham; and he was also taught by William Villonat and Dr. Edouard Lippe. His immense popularity results from his movie successes such as "Rose Marie."

The concert of Ethel Bartlett and Rae Robertson the world's best loved piano duettists, is also a re-engagement for the Sacramento music series. They were heard in Memorial auditorium two years ago and their concert at that time was the high spot of the year.

This will be the English couple's 11th consecutive American tour. Since leaving this country last spring, they have filled engagements in the British Isles, have made their first South African tour and have found a little time for a brief but happy holiday in their "Island in the Hebrides" on the west coast of Scotland.

Their tour opens next week with a concert in Syracuse, New York, followed immediately by an engagement in the San Francisco opera house and their concert here. Their final concert will be with the New York Philharmonic Symphony in April at Carnegie hall, with John Barbirolli conducting.

Of this famous duo, Sigmund Spaeth in the Literary Digest, says:

"It may be doubted whether any other two piano team has ever achieved the perfect unanimity of Barlett and Robertson. The variety of color imparted by Bartlett and Robertson is a revelation of what strings and hammers can be made to do"

The final music series concert will be by Joseph Szigeti, scheduled for Febuary 20. Management is by Ware and Hazelton.

RECRUITING UNITS TO SPEED ENLISTMENTS

U. S. Army recruiting sergeants, the super-salesmen of their craft, take to the air this month in an effort to fill the enlistment quota of 227,000 men set by the president. Four flying recruiting units of two planes each will tour the country from coast to coast.

This is part of the new method the Army is employing to encourage enlistments. The program includes magazine advertisements paid for by commercial sponsors "in the interest of national defense," others paid for by the Army itself for many newspapers, bill boards and posters, and possibly transscribed radio programs.

Many young men accepted for the Air Service are being transported from their place of enlistment to the first station of duty in army bombers. The demand of newly enlisted men for this method of transportation far exceeds the supply of planes available for this purpose and new recruits are forced to draw lots for the privilege.

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Winter Sports News

The heavy rains that have been hailed by farmers and forest officials and which amateur weather prophets would turn into snow, has not proved any great blessing to the winter sports enthusiasts. Reports emanating from automobile clubs and national forest officials show no good skiing in the immediate vicinity of Nevada City. All indications, however, point to a wet winter and more than likely this community will have more than its fill of snow.

WARM RAIN

Little snow has fallen this side of the junction and most of that has been melted by the warm rains. The snowfall at Rainbow Inn has been wet and is not yet suitable for skiing. However, 62 inches has been reported at the summit. The Tahoe national forest reports that the storm now sweeping this region is warm with little prospects of snow.

FLAT SIDE TO TIRE

Always see that the catch of the tire chain faces outward, warns the Service Department of the National Automobile Club, otherwise it will chafe the tire.

CISCO SNOW SPORTS

The Auburn Ski Club is developing its winter sports center at Cisco, reports the Sacramento office of the National Automobile Club. The same group is opening a new area in the vicinity of Norden on U. S. 40.

LAKE TAHOE AREA

Due to the light snow fall in the Lake Tahoe section, most of the automobile roads remain open up to the present and the trip around the Lake is still very popular, according to the Sacramento office of the National Automobile Club. With the exception of an occasional icy spot where the motorist must exercise caution, the drive is easily negotiated.

WINTER DRIVING DANGERS

The motorist who drinks and drives not only gambles with his own life but the lives of those riding with him as well as other automobists on the streets and highways, according to the Public Safety Department of the National Automobile Club. In these months of more hours of darkness, the odds against the motorist and pedestrian are increased; slippery pavements cause skidding and make it difficult to stop the car in time. Being aware of these more dangerous hazards of winter driving, will help the motorist operate his car in a safe manner.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

By BARBARA PHARISS

The Nevada City Yellowjackets A and B basketball teams are in fine shape to meet the Grant Union Pacers at North Sacramento in their second Sierra foothill league game. Practice games have done much to add power to the teams since they were especially successful, winning two tilts from the Lower Lake team, being defeated by two points by Wheatland.

The "Bumblebees" the lightweight team have won only one game, but have plenty of fight and will make a good showing.

Grant Union has started a very successful league season their varsity team winning both games played from Roseville and Grass Valley. Their B team has defeated Grass Valley.

Coach Ed Frantz will take his full teams in the school bus if weather conditions permit.

The C. S. F. and honor roll members held a meeting Wednesday to decide on a definite date for the annual convention to be held here some time in February. Before the date is set other schools will be consulted.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Joyner, Mrs. Imogene Henwood and son and daughter, Clement and Miss Joyce Henwood, spent Sunday at Norden enjoying snow sports. Several hundred automobiles had brought people from all up and down Northern California to play in the snow and upon their leaving in the evening they came away at the same time forming a long caravan of cars.

Miss Marie Jeffrey and party of friends returned Friday evening from a two weeks visit in Bisbee. In the group were Mrs. William Kent, Mr. and Mrs. Monte Reed and Miss Jeffrey. Going and coming they drove through without stopping over along the route and were tired when they arrived althought they had a longer time to visit relatives.

MORAL EMBARGO IS EXTENDED TO GASOLINE

A year and a half ago, the State Department requested American airplane manufacturers not to export planes to nations engaged in the unprovoked bombings of civilians. Late in December this "moral embargo" was extended to include equipment, plans or information for use in the manufacture of high-test aviation gasoline. War and Navy Departments supported the action.

In neither case can the U. S. Government lawfully enforce the embargo, but if the prompt response to the first is a fair indication of how manufacturers will receive the new request, it will be observed almost 100 per cent.

The first embargo seriously affected the Japanese air force, but did not stop the bombing in China, for Nipponese manufacturers can produce satisfactory planes. The second, however, may have a telling effect, for Japan imported 98 per cent of its aviation gasoline from the United States during the first two and one-half years of the undeclared war in China.

The "moral embargo" also applies to Russia for unprovoked bombings of civilians in Finland. It is America's answer to aggression.

Clyde M. Gwin, administrative assistant in the local Tahoe national forest headquarters, is spending this week in San Francisco at the regional office. He will return home Saturday.

Mrs. Thomas Arden was called to Sacramento yesterday to be at the bedside of her father who is critically ill.

"GONE WITH THE WIND" CAUSES RED AGITATION

When the Daily Worker, communist newspaper, fired its movie critic Howard Rushmore, because he refused to "pan" the newly released motion picture "Gone With the Wind," it committed an action that, in the opinion of Westbrook Pegler, columnist, would cause protest and a possible strike by the Newspaper Guild, if any other metropolitan paper had used such an excuse for the dismissal of a reporter.

The Daily Worker claims Rushmore resigned, but the critic says he was fired when he opposed the wishes of the editorial board. It insisted that the movie should be attacked from every angle, including the acting and producing, because it presented in an attractive light a political and social system condemned by the Daily Worker. The guild supprotests its members from dismissal because of differences in political views.

Apparently Rushmore is not too unhappy. He had not been paid since the signing of the Stalin-Hitler pact.

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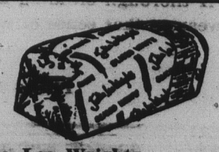

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'ROARING 20'S' IS SPECTACULAR JAZZ AGE SAGA

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"The Roaring Twenties," is the autobiography of a nation on a jag. The day of the flapper and the speakeasy, of mob rule, of fantastic prosperity—in short, the most glittering, gaudy and fantastic age in history, is recreated on the screen as the background for a vivid and compelling story of a man who rises to the heights of power only to be smashed into the oblivion when the era comes to an enr.

In France, as the war ends, three soldiers, played by Cagney, Jeffrey Lynn and Humphrey Bogart, make joyful plans for their return to America. One plans to go back to his job as garage mechanic, another is going to start his law practice, the third, scoffing to go back to saloon keeping. Cagney is also looking forward to meeting the girl who has been writing him cheery letters throughout the war. But in the world to which they return their plans are no longer feasible. Cagney, whose job has long since been filled, has to drive a cab, and this soon puts him on to the boot legging racket. Meanwhile he has met his unknown sweet heart. He has also made contact with his wartime buddies and Bogart, who has been working with a rival bootlegging gang, joins up with him. He retains Lynn to handle the somewhat shady legal end of his transactions. Riding on the crest of the wave, they all rise to the top with him but in the crash, Cagney goes under first.

Brilliantly directed by Raoul Walsh, who was responsible for that all time hit, "Whta Price Glory", "The Roaring Twenties" was adapted for the screen by Richard Macaulay and Jerry Wald from the Hellinger story. Besides those mentioned the cast includes Gladys George, Frank McHugh and Paul Kelly.

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PRESTON SEES MORE HIDDEN TAXES IN 1940

By JAMES PRESTON

Folks probably would rather start off the New Year thinking about something more pleasant than taxes, but if they want to keep the subject from becoming even more unpleasant, they had better think about it.

The reason is that Washington is prowling around looking for more taxes. Even the most optimistic cannot see, on the basis of the new Federal budget, how the national government can avoid spending more than it takes in unless it increases taxes.

The lawmakers are in a spot. This is an election year. Constituents are getting tired of seeing red figures on Uncle Sam's books at the end of each year. But the only way the congressmen can eliminate the figures is to cut expenditures, borrow more money, raise taxes, or try some combination of these three devices. And it also is considered politically unwise to increase taxes or reduce government handouts in an election year.

What the Congressmen now seek is a "painless" tax—a tax that the average voter pays without realizing it. The truth is that already more than half the government's income is collected that way. Secretary Morgenthau recently calculated that consumers paid 63 per cent of 1938 taxes. These were levies like those on tobacco, gasoline, and what are called "excise" taxes but which actually are sales taxes.

Of course the New Dealers like taxes of that kind. They can spend and spend and the average citizen does not realize that he is paying taxes which the government gives back to him in the form of relief or benefit payments or a new postoffice, after deducting the cost of handling the money.

In short, the taxpayer thinks he is getting something for nothing. Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, once Speaker of the House of Representatives, paraphrased the remark of a noted French expert on finance on one occasion to explain this philosophy. He said:

"The ideal method of tax collection is to get the most feathers with the least squawking of the goose."

Secretary Wallace, who is arguing for a revival of the processing taxes under the disguised name "certificate plan," is a follower of that school of thought. The other day he was quoted as saying at a press conference:

"The great advantage of the certificate plan is that it does not appear in the budget. If it appears in the budget people point to it and say: "My, how large the budget is!"

In other words, what the people don't know won't hurt them.

An interesting sidelight on the whole system of hidden taxes is that a Washington newspaperman several years ago was the innocent suggester of a means by which these hidden taxes were increased tremendously. It happened this way:

The House Ways and Means Committee was battling with the tax problem. It had boosted income taxes as high as it thought it could; it had burdened corporations with all the taxes they could stand; and it still needed money. One committeeman explained this to the newspaper reporter who, after thinking a minute asked: "Well, why don't you put a tax on electric refrigerators?"

The committee snapped up the suggestion. It worked out a system under which consumers pay millions in taxes annually without knowing it. The government now not only taxes refrigerators, but radios, automobiles and accessories, chewing gum, lipstick, cold cream, shotguns, and dozens of similar things.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Mistletoe Circle, Companions of the Forest, held installation of officers and enjoyed a turkey banquet in their lodge room in Grass Valley last evening. Mrs. Margaret Burr, of Nevada City was the retiring Chief Companion and with Mrs. Zelda Lewis, grand officer, received their pins from the lodge.

A splendid program had been arranged and a feature of the evening was the installation of Chief Companion Cora Gregor and her daughter, Mrs. Merle Valenchini, as inner guard. Mrs. Valenchini sweetly sang a solo to her mother as a surprise tribute.

Mrs. Naomi Miro and Harry Martin of Sacramento are in town this week assisting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Heath in the Inter County Title Company office.

COMMANDER OF NAZI MAN-O-WAR MADE MISTAKE

A well known newspaper correspondent, writing from South America recently expressed the opinion that Captain Langsdorff, of the ill-fated Graf Spee, committed suicide because he failed to understand the Latin character. Apparently Langsdorff believed the warm and sympathetic reception he received in Montevideo meant the people of Uruguay were sympathetic toward Hitler and the Nazi cause. The captain must have received a rude awakening when he arrived in Argentina. The press was antagonistic, the people were cool, and all officers and men were immediately interned.

The letter of protests left by Captain Langsdorff bitterly complained of the hostile attitude of the Uruguyan government, which, he stated was directly opposite to the attitude of the people. He could not seem to understand that the Latin-American people could be sympatehtic toward a group of men who had come through a bitter fight, yet still not sympathetic with the cause they represent.

This inability of the Germans to understand the temperaments of other people has been demonstrated again and again. Kaiser Wilhelm did not think the British would go to war over the invasion of Belgium. Later, he erred in his judgment of just how much the people of the United States would stand in the way of unrestricted submarine warfare.

The tradition carried on last fall when Hitler felt he could accomplish his conquest of Poland in the bloodless way he had already annexed Czechoslovakia and Austria. Like other German leaders, he apparently thought that people who are reluctant to fight are afraid to fight.

German people pay a terrific price for the psychological blunders of the leaders.

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NEW YEAR WILL MARK START OF REAL RECOVERY

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

Crystal balls are no longer part of the equipment of the up-to-date soothsayer, but for several weeks past government officials, business analysts and experts in economics have been consulting their graphs and tabulations—and then handing down their pre-views of 1940.

Most of the forecasts have been optimistic in tone, but while there are doubtless some reassuring signs on the business horizon, it is only prudent that the farmer, the business man and the run of the mill householder should recognize that there are many imponderables and unknown quantities still to be reckoned with—and that New Year's predictions are seldom good security at the bank!

That small note of caution, however, need not be interpreted as pessimism. There is good likelihood that the national income for 1940 will exceed that of 1939. And 1940 well might mark the start back toward real recovery—if the American people and their leaders are ready to recognize that they must work their way out of the wilderness, instead of attempting to borrow their way out; if government ends its foolhardy efforts to support half the people and pauperize the rest; if private initiative is once more given the "go sign" to develop trade and build industries, instead of being sand-bagged by political disciples of regimentation.

From the national capital at Washington comes a forecast by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that farm income for 1940 will reach a gross of ten billion dollars, as against approximately $9,500,000,000 (the Bureau's estimate) for 1939. Figured into this prospective "income", however, are government benefit payments which will total around $750,000,000. And such payments—considered from the standpoint of the nation at large—are outgo, rather than income. They are produced by taxpayers, not by the soil. Then, too, the federal experts credit part of the expected upturn to the European war, which has taken millions of men out of production and placed them on battle lines. But that kind of prosperity, as the United States learned during the sad years that followed the World War, is bought at a terrific price later on. Most hopeful aspect of the federal department's forecast is that improved business conditions in the United States, with improved national income, will boost consumer purchasing power. That kind of improvement is the only kind of improvement which will finally bring a return to agricultural prosperity.

Another optimistic forecast for 1940 comes from W. F. Mitchell, Sacramento investment expert. And Mr. Mitchell's pre-view is deserving of serious consideration for two reasons: First, his forecasts of 1937, 1938 and 1939 were noteworthy by reason of their accuracy; he foresaw the recession and warned of its approach; when conditions, as he saw then, warranted pessimism, his New Year forecasts were candidly pessimistic. Second, Mr. Mitchell qualifies his forecast with a number of vital "ifs."

"Our financial and business indexes," reports Mr. Mitchell, "are again promising the full dinner pail to business and labor. How fully this promise is realized (note the "if"), depends to a large degree upon the extent to which government interferes with business during 1940. However, the business and financial world is looking forward to a presidential election year with a faith, hope and charity—faith that 1940 will bring peace on the labor front and that democracy's profit system will survive; hope that the closing days of the New Deal will bring a real and permanent breathing spell for business; charity for the ill advised experiments and political baiting of the past.

"With the public as well informed as it is today, it is not conceivable that our present or newly elected leaders will involve us in war. England, France, Germany, Japan, China and many other countries are no longer competing with us in the world trade. It is obvious that America will become the foodstore, the clothing shop and major manufacturing source for a world at war. Rising prices are inevitable (but remember the "ifs"), bringing to our farm centers the first real prosperity in several years."

"If" government's senseless war on business is relaxed; "if" peace comes on the labor front; "if" private initiative is encouraged and the profit system is retsored to its place in the sun—if these "ifs" become realities, as Mr. Mtichell apparently believes they will, then his optimism is undoubtely well founded.

But every-day Californians —and every day Americans—have a challenging job to do if current conditions responsible for those "ifs" are to be eliminated. It's the major job of 1940.

HOOVER TRYS TO SAVE NATION HE AIDED IN '19

Herbert Hoover's nation-wide campaign to raise funds for the relief of Finand recalls that it was largely through the efforts of the former president that this country was first recognized by the United States.

In 1919, shortly after Finland set up an independent government, Mr. Hoover sent a letter to President Wilson urging him to recognize the newly organized state. The Allied Council of Foreign Ministers, busy at the Peace Conference following the World War, was taking its time with the Finnish question, and Mr. Hoover became convinced that action was necessary to keep Finland from going under financially and economically. These difficulties could be overcome if the new state was formally recognized.

His letter produced results. Ten days later, the United States officially recognized Finland as a free and independent government, and European nations speedily followed our example.

In writing to President Wilson, Mr. Hoover said, "if ever there was a cause for helping a people who are making a sturdy fight to get on a basis of liberal democracy," Finland was that case. His statement of twenty years ago still applies.

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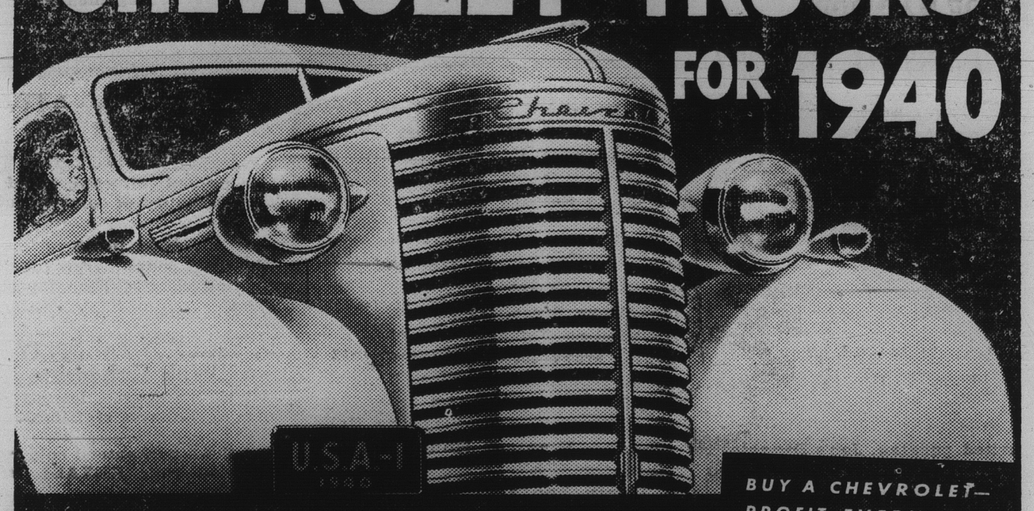

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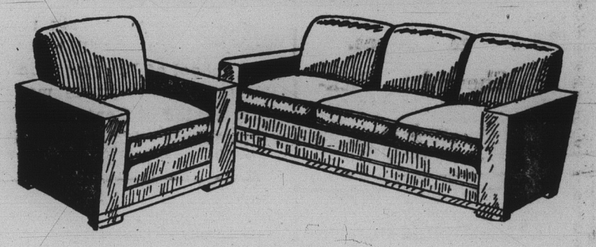

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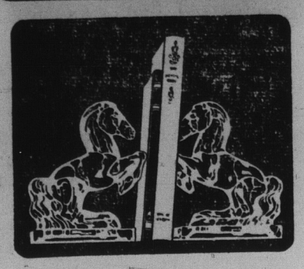

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Wedneday evening Praise and Prayer Service 7:30 P.M.

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Second Sunday after the epiphany. 8:30 a. m. Holy communion. 10 a. m. Church school. 11 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon. The rector will address the congregation upon: "A Man Must Grow." The vested choir will sing the Epiphany music. Mrs. Grace Raymond will be at the organ, and Mrs. Marian Libbey will direct the choir. Monday afternoon, the Girls Friendly Candidates meet. 7:30 Wednesday evening, choir rehearsal.

Plans for February: The annual parish banquet will be held in February. All voting members of the parish will be notified as to the time. During the coming weeks prior to the banquet, the new officers of the guilds will be selected and elected the night of the banquet. At the time of the banquet the retiring presidents, secretaries, and treasurers will render full reports for their time in office during the past year. This banquet will mark the beginning of a new era in the life of Trinity parish. The vestry and rector have agreed that no person shall hold office for more than two consecutive years upon vestry, in the guilds, or in the young people's organizations. The need for every person in the parish to move from one group and one activity to another is deeply felt if there is to be a realization of the general work of the church by each and every member.

Please note, during the coming week, the rector will be at the Pacific School of Religion from Monday through Thursday. He may be wired if needed at Benton Hall, the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. On Friday, he will be in conference with the bishop of the diocese in Sacramento.

H. THOMAS PATEMAN, Rector.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

Sacred concert at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Ray Murchie, superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. Hymn, congregation, prayer, pastor, soprano solo, "Father in Heaven", Briggs, Mrs. Betty Brown. Scripture reading. Baritone solo "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain (Harker), Harold Prickett, responsive scripture readin, duet "Twilight" (Nevin) Miss Alta Prickett and Harold Prickett, offering and offertory, soprano solo, Juana Lynn Caldwenn, vocal duet, "O Morning Land" (Phelps) Miss Alta Prickett and Harold Prickett, hymn, congregation, soprano solo, "My Redeemer and My Lord" Mrs. Betty Brown, short sermon by pastor, baritone solo "The Lord's Prayer, Harold Prickett, hymn congregation, benediction and doxology.

Epworth League at 6:15 p. m. Preaching at 7 p. m., prayer, pastor, vocal duet a request number by Tom Rickard and Miss Catherine McQuay. Scripture reading, solo "Divine Communion," Simon Crase, accompanist Mrs. Reta Morrison, sermon "Who Is On the Lord's Side," pastor, closing hymn, congregation, prayer, doxology. Weeks events. Prayer hour and bible study Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., study the 12 chapter of John's Gospel. Young people's prayer hour in the parsonage Thursday at 7 p. m. choir practice Friday at 7:30 p. m. Business meeting of the Epworth League Monday at 6 p. m. with a pot luck supper.

ST. AGNES GUILD ELECT OFFICERS FOR NEW YEAR

St. Agnes Guild met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Rector Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Rector, president, presided, the early part of the afternoon being spent in sewing for charity and later the business session was held.

The main business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. They were chosen as follows, Mrs. E. E. Barker, president; Mrs. H. M. Leete, vice-president; Mrs. C. E. LaBoyteaux, treasurer.

The retiring officers are, Mrs. E. M. Rector, president; Mrs. O. McCraney,vice-president; Mrs. C. E. Parsons, secretary-treasurer.

Rev. Thomas Pateman, of Trinity Episcopal church, attended the meeting and gave the ladies an informal talk on church work.

Plans were discussed for the Parish dinner to be held late in February. Newly elected officers will resume responsibilities at the Guild meeting the first Thursday in February.

Street Superintendent Herbert Hallett stated yesterday that as soon as the weather settled work will start on widening the south approach to the Gault bridge. Plans are to take out the curve and replace the retaining wall.

JULIA SANDOW DIES IN CITY WEDNESDAY

Relatives in Nevada City received the sad news this week of the passing of Mrs. Julia Sandow, wife of T. J. Sandow, in San Francisco on Wednesday mornnig. She became seriously ill Tuesday and was rushed to a hospital and died the next morning. Funeral services will be held in San Francisco Friday morning.

Mrs. Sandow never resided in this city but T. J. Sandow left here a number of years ago and has many relatives in this district. Mrs. Maria Ninnis and Mrs. Minnie Sandow, sisters of Mr. Sandow, and Mrs. R. W. Renfree, niece, left to attend the funeral.

ORDER OF RAINBOW TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Nevada City Chapter, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will install newly elected officers at a meeting in the Masonic Hall tomorrow night. Elective officers to be installed are, Betty Smith, Worthy Advisor; Mary Gwin, Associate Advisor; Charity, Elsie Schreiber; Hope, Madeline Bettles; Faith, Joyce Henwood; Secretary, Billie Keller and Recorder, Betty Ashton.

Miss Margaret Norton, retiring worthy advisor, will be the installing officer. The impressive ceremony will be open to parents of the girls, their invited guestsu, Job's Daughter, and any girl of high school age who is interested.

Peter Kelley, who was arrested Tuesday evening in Nevada City on a reckless driving charge by Officer James Allen, was brought before City Judge Miles Coughlin yesterday afternoon and plead guity. He was fined $100.

Mrs. Imogene Henwood, stenographer, was employed to assist E. B. Dudley, county welfare agent, in the Nevada county court house. She started her work Tuesday morning.

DeWitt Nelson, supervisor of the Tahoe national forest, and assistant forester E. M. Baxter, attended the funeral of the late W. B. Rider in Sacramento Tuesday. Rider was a department official under State Forester M. B. Pratt and was prominent in forest service circles.

Mrs. Camille Hallett was installed as president of the Nevada City Firemen's Auxiliary Friday evening.

The Cub Scouts entertained the Boy Scouts with a lively program in the Scout Lodge last evening.

CITY LIBRARIAN REPORTS 1619 BOOKS LOANED

The city library was open to the public 25 days. Books borrowed for home use 1619; fiction 1265, juvenile 248; miscellaneous 106; books borrowed from state library 5. Visitors to the reading rooms 1676; men 469; women 200; boys 583; girls 424; number of borrowers 1035; total attendance 2711; daily attendance 128.

Cards issued 19 adult and 17 juvenile, cards cancelled 5 adult and 3 juvenile a gain of 28 and our present registration 1268.

Books purchased 12: books donated 2; books discarded 4; present accession 11274. Following is a list of the books purchased, "Some Fell Among Thorns," Mary Frances Doner; Sam, John Selby; Station Wagon, Faith Baldwin; Sacramento River of Gold, Julian Davis; Bambi's Children, Felix Selton; Curtains for the Judge, Thomas Polsky; And So My Heart, Harriett Thurman; Challenge Blue Mask, Anthony Mortoh; Murder Between Dark and Dark. Max Long; More Stately Mansions; Pauline Benedict Fischer; A Gooly Fellowship, Mary Ellen Chase and Her Soul to Keep, Marguerita Marshall. Our gifts are two books from Mrs. Melba Davis, The Girl at the Halfway House, Emerson Hough and The Trail of the White Mule, B. M. Bowers. Thirty books were taken from the rent shelf and placed in the general circulation.

Mrs. Leila Schwalm and several friends of Alleghany were Nevada City visitors yesterday. She said rain continued to fall at Alleghany and very little snow had fallen there this year.

YUBA NATIVE IS DECEASED

Mrs. Birdie Overacker, 61, North San Juan resident for the past nine months, died at that community early Wednesday evening after an illness of a month.

She was a native of Honcut, Yuba county, and resided in that section most of her life.

Surviving are her husband, Harry Overacker; mother, Mrs. Minerva Long, Eureka; two brothers, William Long, Eureka and Ernest Long, San Francisco; a sister, Mrs. Ann Betts, San Francisco.

The body was taken in charge by the Holmes Funeral Home of this city Funeral arrangements are pending.

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U. S. Government Securities	434,691,060.77	Demand	$ 642,792,093.41	
State, County and Municipal Bonds and Other Bonds and Securities	169,577,610.56	Savings and Time	839,999,582.38	$1,482,791,675.79
Loans and Discounts	711,054,696.57	Liability for Letters of Credit, Acceptances, etc.		18,815,871.91
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures	31,530,765.10	Reserve for Interest Received in Advance		7,733,706.57
Customers' Liability on account of Letters of Credit, etc.	18,281,457.98	Reserve for Interest, Taxes, etc.		391,657.92
All Other Assets	15,184,772.63	Capital, Surplus, Undivided Profits and Reserves		118,853,365.58
TOTAL RESOURCES	$1,628,586,277.77	TOTAL LIABILITIES		$1,628,586,277.77

Year's Business Tops All Previous Marks

Bank of America 1939 Gains Due to Popularity of Policies

Releasing the statement of condition of Bank of America as of December 30, 1939, L. M. Giannini, President, stated that popular acceptance of the statewide services of the bank during the year had been indicated by the opening of more than 585,000 new accounts, as well as the making of more than 600,000 new loans for a total of over $616,000,000.

Total resources at the year-end stood at $1,628,586,000. Deposits totalled $1,482,791,000, an increase of $74,484,000 since June 30, 1939, another new high.

GREAT LOAN VOLUME

Further growth reflected by the statement included:

Loans and discounts, which totalled $711,054,000, were $15,952,000 more than June 30, 1939.

Earnings for the year were $28,330,000 before $4,381,000 was allocated to reserves for depreciation of banking premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment, amortization of bond premiums, etc., and before $5,000,000 reserves applied to reduce the carrying value of loans and investments. After payment of dividends to stockholders at the rate of $2.40 per share for a total of $9,600,000 for the year, and the allotment of $1,206,000 to the bank's personnel under the employees' profit-sharing bonus plan, capital funds were increased $8,142,000. From this there was deducted during the year by special charges against profits amounting to $5,356,000 a valuation reserve of 100 per cent against certain foreign credits on substantially all of which interest is currently being paid but which may be adversely affected by the war.

STRONG RESERVES

Banking premises, furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost less depreciation, and to the end of 1939 depreciation of $15,788,000 has been applied to reduce the book value to the present figure. Also, certain other reserves are shown as applied to reduce the book value of assets with $15,564,000 provided for possible loss on loans and $5,800,000 provided on securities. The actual market value of the bank's investment in securities is substantially more than the amount at which they are carried on the books of the bank.

POLICIES APPROVED

Commenting on the year's results, President Giannini said:

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